

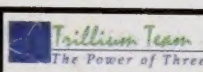


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Dan, the Scotch Line landfill attendant, on people's attitudes toward recycling.

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Clear-bag policy makes people see red

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

"Just look at this," the landfill attendant said, holding up a translucent garbage bag filled with Christmas wrapping paper that should have been recycled. "This is just one example."

On Friday afternoon, the Scotch Line landfill site had a steady flow of residents dropping off holiday garbage. All but one bag was black.

Starting January 1, all four municipalities in Haliburton will accept clear bags only, something that people on Friday were not very happy about.

Dan, one of the attendants, shifted back and forth like a goalie tending the net, trying to stop recyclables from sneaking into the landfill.

One man tried to throw out two garbage bags filled with glass jars, others tried to chuck their bags onto the pile and drive off before Dan could check for the appropriate tags.

There were lots of questions about the upcoming rules. When would tags expire? What about the smaller kitchen-catcher bags? Some people tried to recycle their wooden tangerine boxes, which should either be put in the wood pile or given to the attendants for kindling in their wood stove.

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Matt James/TIMES

Clear the way for speedy toboggan

The toboggan hill at Archie Stouffer Elementary School was busy on December 27 as school kids and one dad made the most of the break from school and work. Brittany Wheeler, 7, of Minden runs out of harm's way as Nathan Wheeler, 3, Shannon Vineham, 9, and Tiffany Wheeler, 9, speed past her on a classic toboggan. More tobogganning photos on page 9.

Retailers put good gifts under the tree

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Business was steady this Christmas season in Minden. Store owners selling everything from cars to toys said this December was at least as good as last December.

"We had a good turnout this year. We had a lot of people say they like to shop local and if they can't find it then they'll go out of town," said Marion Beetlestone, a salesperson at Jewels.

Beetlestone said Christmas Eve brought a healthy stream of men coming in to buy that something special at the last minute.



Minden businesses offered selection and good prices this Christmas season.

John Thomas, owner of Stedman's V&S, said he also had a good year and a steady number of shoppers on December 24, buying wrapping paper and stock-

ing stuffers.

"It was similar to last year," Thomas said, noting that shopping patterns in Minden are changing now that more people rely on online shopping. There are also those gifts that just cannot be bought in town – like Guitar Hero, a popular video game.

"A lot of the top toys are electronics now," Thomas said.

He said people shopping outside of town for hard-to-get toys doesn't bother him much as long as they still come into town for the basics.

The dynamics of shopping not

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A few lucky people even got cars for Christmas

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only are affected by the presence of more and more online stores – sometimes it just depends on how many stores in town are open at a given time.

Pet Tyme owner, Lynne, who preferred not to give her last name, said that when some local stores are closed on Sunday it keeps shoppers away from all of the stores.

"Prior to the weekend of Christmas it was good ... I think it was because some of our major cogs in the wheel were closed on Sunday. You take a couple of major cogs that are closed and it affects the whole town," she said.

Even a pet store is bustling for the holidays since many owners get their pets gifts too. "They're part of the family," Lynne said. She sold everything from toys, collars, beds and scratching posts leading up to the big day.

Some residents even got cars from Santa this year.

"Our December has been better than the year previous," said Brent Devolin, a salesperson at Keaney Chrysler.

"A husband bought his wife a convertible for Christmas," he said, adding that business tends to slow down around December 15 when people get preoccupied with other holiday plans.

Ridgeway Ford had a similarly good December with both a spouse and a child getting cars for Christmas.

"It's been steady for what December is in the car business. You've always got a couple [buying cars as presents] a year. We had a spouse and a child. I wish I was that child," said salesperson Chris Moynes.

Sales were also steady at Subaru, where Eddie Pinelli, who works in service, said business was good, but no one there knew whether a car had been purchased as a gift.

The Christmas season was even better than usual for Rick Gregory, owner of Cycle Boyz, whose business had "definitely" increased over last December.



Jenn Watt/TIMES

The attendants at the Minden landfills will be playing an important educational role as people get accustomed to the new policy which mandates the use of clear plastic bags. The new policy makes it easier for the attendant to check whether a patron is recycling, which is also mandatory.

What about grocery store bags? Kitchen catchers?

New garbage rules will take a bit of getting used to

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Dan did his best to answer their questions. Minden Hills has provided the attendants with a memo that simply repeats what has been published in the papers.

"As of January 1, 2008, no green, black, orange or other coloured bags (non-transparent) will be accepted. All bags MUST be clear," the memo reads.

"One-third of the clear bag may contain items in IGA, ValuMart etc. bags in order to protect the personal items of all members of the public. However, if the small (IGA, ValuMart etc. bags) clearly contain recycling this must be sorted out into the proper recycling bins," the memo said.

Dan methodically feels and shakes the bags to see if recycled items made it into his meticulous pile of garbage. He sorts through to see if something that could be reused has carelessly been thrown out. And he readies himself to kindly ask those who aren't recycling to do so, despite the knowledge that many will argue with him about it. "When you're not standing here watching, you'd be surprised what happens," he said between customers.

At the other end of the dump, Kerry Grozelle monitors what's coming in and fields questions about the new

rules. The most common one is about kitchen-catcher bags. He doesn't have an answer.

To accent his point, an SUV drives up with a couple in it. They have some garbage and lots of questions about the new rules. "What about kitchen catchers?" they ask. "Are we only allowed to have clear bags?"

Grozelle clarifies that tinted bags are okay. As long as an attendant can see what's in it, it doesn't matter what shade it is.

IGA, ValuMart and Home Hardware are ready for the shift to clear bags.

"We've always had clear because we always had one for leaves in the fall before this even came about. We've now have another one or two and we're trying to access more," said Lynda Easton, owner of ValuMart in Minden. She said her store will be waiting for a little while to assess the demand for different types and sizes of clear bags before making large orders of any of them, but already has a wide selection.

Home Hardware manager Rod Titus said his store also has a range of sizes of clear bags. "We've got lots. We've got them down from your bathroom garbage cans, your kitchen garbage cans, right up to the lawn size."

A survey of the three stores on Friday suggested that there is already strong demand for the clear bags. IGA had a shelf marked clear bags at \$1.99, but that one was empty. They did have other transparent bags priced between \$3.87 for 10 Glad clear bags to \$9.99 for 30 large Glad green recycle bags. Counting the missing \$1.99 bags, IGA had five selections.

ValuMart had six different types of transparent bags with the cheapest being a pack of 10 no name large clear bags for \$2.99 and the most expensive a pack of 30 large Glad green recycle bags for \$9.49.

Home Hardware had six types and also had one type sold out (the kitchen size). The cheapest was a pack of 10 Glad clear blue recycling bags for \$3.29 and the most expensive was 30 large Glad recycling bags for \$10.99.



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Winter time hardest for working poor

Often there's a food shortage
in January and February

by MATT JAMES
Times staff

No family had to do without a proper Christmas dinner this past holiday season.

Thanks to the generosity of local donors, the Minden Community Food Bank gave out 155 Christmas baskets over the holiday season.

The hampers included a turkey or ham and a gift for any child 14 and under.

The majority of the food bank's clients are the working poor who depend on the food bank over the holiday season, said Barbara Walford-Davis, who helps run the volunteer agency. The clients' wages are not sufficient to cover such expenses as rent, hydro, and food.

Year after year, the food bank is able to ensure that families can enjoy a traditional Christmas meal regardless of their economic situation.

"This county is terrific in its giving," said Walford-Davis who could not praise the donors enough.

However, the problem the food bank and its clients face year after year comes post-Christmas. While the county is very generous at Christmas there is often a shortage of food for January and February, which happens to be the peak time for the food bank.

"There are about 274 families signed up this year," said Walford-Davis, noting this is more than in 2006.

About three quarters of those families are steady clients over the winter months and donations often go down after Christmas.

Senior citizens also feel the burden over the holidays and Walford-Davis added that the food bank, together with Community Care, is donating \$300 a month to Meals on Wheels to ensure that seniors, who Walford-Davis said are often too proud to visit the food bank to get the food they need.

To find out how to make a donation to the food bank call 286-6838 or just drop in at 37 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden.



Matt James/TIMES

Plenty of people donate to the Minden Food Bank throughout the year. Sometimes the donations are small and sometimes they're big; but every donation helps. From left to right are Minden food bank manager Joanne Barnes and Kinsmen donors Karin Koch, Tammy Douglas and baby Dustin. More donations are needed during the months of January and February.

Forum to discuss health care planned for Jan. 16

Whether you live, cottage or play in the Minden area, you have a vested interest in our healthcare system.

On January 16, you are invited to the sixth forum to explore issues affecting our community

Health services in Minden have been a major concern in our community over the past several years, with our difficulty of attracting doctors and our struggle to keep our hospital. Lately, we are seeing a lot of newcomers moving into our community, mostly retirees, which puts even more pressure on our health services.

We now have a first-class hospital and health-care facilities we are proud of and strongly support, but we are still having difficulty attracting doctors.

Representatives from Haliburton Highlands Health Services will share an overview of its challenges and goals, including recruitment of physicians and Hyland Crest. They will also talk about new health services available to our community through the Haliburton Highlands

Family Health Team, which not only takes the pressure off our doctors but also provides us with new disciplines to meet the needs of our community.

You will have the opportunity to express your views during the open forum portion of the meeting.

Come out to this the sixth in a series of Minden Community Forums on Wednesday, January 16 at the Minden United Church at 7:30 p.m. Presentations will be made by Janice Hardy, HHS's acting CEO and by Beth Archibald, executive director of Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team. Jack Brezina will be moderator.

"Let's keep the feeling of community in Minden strong, and get back 'in the know' by attending this and future forums," said organizer Don Ballantyne.

Babysitting is provided.

For more information you can contact Don Ballantyne at 286-1305.

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with you
through 2008!



Pride in the past, hope in the future

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

This past year was one of success and growth, according to several community leaders asked by the *Times* to share their highlights of 2007 and their goals for 2008.

Rick Cox
Director of Community Services
Minden Hills

Highlights of 2007:

For me, this has to be the cairn relocation project. While the process took quite a bit longer than I had thought, we had terrific community support and generous contributions of time and expertise. The cairn now has a place of honour in the Village Green. I hope that everyone is pleased with

the way it turned out – I know I am.

Goal for 2008:

In the spring we will be creating a temporary skateboard park at the Community Centre. With ideas and support from the skaters and local trades-folk, I hope we can create a well-built and safe place for street-style skateboarding that Minden can be proud of.

Joan Harpell
Principal, Archie Stouffer Elementary School

Highlights of 2007:

Although we have had a few changes at Archie Stouffer this year, we have, as always, been blessed with a wonderful, caring and capable staff. Minden parents can be assured that the staff in charge of their children and their

school keep the needs of the students at the forefront of all that they do. We continue to be grateful as well for the community of Minden, which makes many contributions to our school. Our youth were pleased to be consulted with regard to opportunities for recreation in the area. We have benefited from local efforts to secure funding for both art and drama expertise for our students and we continue to be the recipients of funds and many volunteer hours from both parents and community members with Breakfast Club, snack program, and help in the classrooms. Service clubs and organizations in the area support literary, art and speaking contests and sponsor an after-school recreation program. There is always a feeling of being cared about and supported by the residents of Minden Hills.

Goals for 2008:

Our own Trillium Lakelands District School Board, with the support of the Literacy and Math Secretariat, has this year worked on several new initiatives with regard to staff and student learning and, as a staff at Archie Stouffer, we have worked long hours this fall to stay on task with this effort. We are in the process of learning new assessment techniques that will help us to plan instruction even more effectively. We have worked on new Special Ed Resource initiatives and the use of Assistive Technology to help us empower struggling students. We continue to promote and further develop character education and we are always pleased when visitors compliment us on the respectful manners of our students and the happy atmosphere of our school. A special group of intermediate students are aligning their efforts with those of a community group to reach out to suffering and need in the world in practical ways. We have embarked upon increasing our environmental concerns through an EcoSchools program endorsed by the Board and will be working on not just recycling efforts but also reducing and re-using as well. We invite parents and the community to visit our slowly developing Memory Hall where old photos and memorabilia are being displayed as we treasure the past and move into the future.

Eleanor Harrison
Reeve of Algonquin Highlands and
Warden of Haliburton County

Highlights of 2007:

I think for Algonquin Highlands, the highlight was – I don't care how controversial it was – that we publicly had the vision of the airport property and for the crosswind runway. We have acquired all of the airport property that we require should we proceed and whether we proceed or not, I think the property that has been acquired whether we proceed as a council or whether we find that it is going to be too expensive or whatever we're going to find out to move forward in 2008. Having acquired the property enables future councils ... to proceed at some point in time in the future. The Dorset school property has been sold; we severed the house property off the school. The total school property now is sold and there's going to be some commercial development there which I think is going to be excellent for Dorset. The property has been vacant and not used for too long. Something hopefully will be happening in 2008.

Goals for 2008:

We are proceeding to a point where we can get accurate pricing and know exactly what we can and can't do and know exactly what it will cost us if this council does decide to proceed. At that time, of course, we will be holding the public meetings that I have promised all along when I had all the information that I needed. So we're going to proceed to that point and hopefully we'll be at that point in early spring. We're going to proceed to a point where council can really take a serious look at what the actual costs are going to be. Then Algonquin Highlands will still be moving forward with trying to have better septicage facilities for the trucks to dump. Minden Hills and ourselves are trying to work together ... and we're still

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These ice huts at the Red Umbrella Inn are obviously upset about not being on Twelve Mile Lake. Owner Kim Tustin is hoping to have them rented out as soon as the lakes are safe.

Ice conditions still not safe, especially on larger lakes

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

Despite great snowfalls in early December recent rainfall has left snowmobile trails in less than optimal condition and some lakes unsafe.

On December 27, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association's website, www.hcsa.on.ca, said the rain left trail bases very hard with icy sections.

No trails have been given the full green light. Currently the website lists seven trails as limited and 17 as closed. However, with snow in the forecast it's hoped all trails will be smooth riding. Check the website for the most current information.

It's hard to know what are normal snow conditions any more. Last year's lack of snow certainly wasn't any more normal than this year's early dumping of snow. Last year ice huts available at the Red Umbrella Inn north of Carnarvon on Twelve Mile Lake weren't on the ice until February 3, says owner Kim Tustin.

If the huts are able to go on the ice before February she'll be happy.

"Hopefully it will be soon," said Tustin, noting that on December 27 the ice was still slushy. "It could be a good two weeks before we get our huts out there, depends on how cold it gets and stays."

Thankfully the abundant snowfall brought in a few more snowmobiles this year.

Barry Roberts, an employee at Minden Live Bait and Tackle, is advising people to be cautious if they venture on to the ice.

"The small lakes are okay," said Roberts. "But it's hard to tell. Some lakes have four to six inches but, talking to people who have come in, I don't think anyone has reported over six inches."

Roberts said that he'd steer clear of the big bodies of water but noted that some lakes have fishing huts on them.

Local cross-country ski trails experienced a few washouts due to rain and the ski club encourages everyone to exercise caution. Sir Sams Ski Area in Eagle Lake is running five of six lifts and all 12 runs are open with great ski conditions.

New OPP building and R.D. Lawrence Place make village proud

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sharing information back and forth.

We will be taking a serious look at that. Our new fire addition has been started and it will be completed in 2008 and we're quite pleased with that.

In my capacity as warden I find it very difficult to have any real goals at the county [due to budget constraints]. It's hard to do much but business as usual at the county. I would certainly like the council to take a serious look at where we are since amalgamation. What are we doing right, what are we doing wrong what can we make improvements on? I really think that's important because I find at the county table we are always trying to do more with less. I'm very hopeful that sometime in 2008 we can sit down and talk about how we will accomplish this. The county needs to plan not just for the next year, but take a really hard look at where we'll be in 10 years.

Jim Peterkin
OPP Staff Sergeant, Minden

Highlights of 2007:

As part of the RIDE program, we checked over 5,000 vehicles. 2007 saw three new officers come to Haliburton County: Kevin Windover, Renee Lalonde, Brad Lazary. Two officers retired after 30-plus years of service at the OPP. That's Brian Ladurantaye and Dave Trepanier. The OPP detachment here now has three black and white cruisers. We celebrated a year anniversary at the new building, which is working out well.

Goals of 2008:

Proactive enforcement in target areas where we identify problems such as motor vehicle collisions or repeat offenders, reducing victimization (people being the victim of crimes) through statistical analy-

sis of crimes and doing proactive approaches to reduce those kinds of things. Working with the stakeholders of the communities, councils, citizens to making Haliburton County a safe and secure place to live and visit.

Jim McMahon
Reeve of Minden Hills

Highlights of 2007:

Canadian Tire announcing they were coming to Minden was certainly a very exciting highlight for both myself and our previous reeve, Ross Rigney, who had been working on it for at least two or three years. With Ross's persistence, and I sort of took over the reigns and he asked me to stay with it, which I did and worked with those people. So that was certainly a highlight. The R.D. Lawrence Centre, seeing it come together was another exciting highlight of the year. Getting the provincial grant for almost \$1 million was unexpected. It was for the library expansion and the R.D. Lawrence Centre. ...

The Highland Gate subdivision moving ahead was another positive move for the municipality. Lots of good things.

Goals 2008:

Next year is going to be a very busy year because we're going to be getting ready for our 150th, our sesquicentennial, we are going to do it up right. Next year it's going to take up a lot of time getting it in place. I'd also like to see the Riverwalk project completed for that anniversary. Council's all on board for that. When we do our budget for next year, there will be more money for Riverwalk.

Then the library expansion's going to go ahead in the spring, so that's going to be a coup for us. We'll have the first state-of-the-art library in the county.



Naturalist and author, the late Ron Lawrence would be proud of the building that will house his collection of archives. The R.D. Lawrence Place was created by Fleming College's sustainable construction students and will officially open in April.

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Susan Watson Ellis

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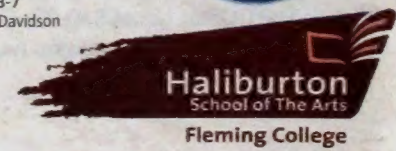


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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Garbage policy still not clear

IF YOU WANT TO SEE a grouchy Minden resident, head down to the Scotch Line Landfill, where you'll find plenty trying to sneak recycling materials into the garbage pile in the few days left before mandatory clear bags come in.

On Friday, there were no kind words from landfill users about the new policy and many were confused about garbage tags – when they will be obsolete and how many bags a week they can have without tags.

The most astonishing thing though was how dogged people were about not sorting their garbage. The landfill attendant would shake and feel the opaque bags trying to guess whether something inside was mis-sorted. Often there were recyclables inside the bags. Squirming and bargaining would follow. Lots of excuses and lots of reasons why the recyclables shouldn't be recycled.

It's as though people aren't recycling on principle.

It may be for this reason that some landfill users were cranky about clear bags. Every unsorted item will be clearly visible to the brave attendants at the dump who strive to have only garbage go into the garbage.

It's an imperfect process; no one really knows how all of the new rules will play out. But many pieces are in place. There are clear bags available at the grocery stores and the landfill attendants know this is new to everyone and are happy to help with proper sorting.

New rules can be frustrating, but people should bear in mind that the new policy is to improve our landfills. The more we recycle, the longer the landfill will last. Many other municipalities have even more rules governing waste. Some have separate composting bins, for example.

According to the Sierra Club of Canada, there are good reasons to recycle as much as possible. "For all the common recyclables, producing these products using recycled material saves between 35 and 90 per cent (average of 66) of the energy consumed to extract, refine and manufacture products from virgin material. Recycling thus substantially reduces the releases of pollutants and toxics associated with energy production and its use."

Inherent in the clear bags rule is that if you don't recycle, you'll be found out. It is the job of the attendants to look for these sorting mistakes, but don't take it out on them. It's just their job.

Rather than resist the new bags, we should strive to be better sorters. When the urge comes to just throw that ketchup bottle in the garbage, knowing we may get caught could be the push we need to walk to the blue box instead.

Jenn Watt

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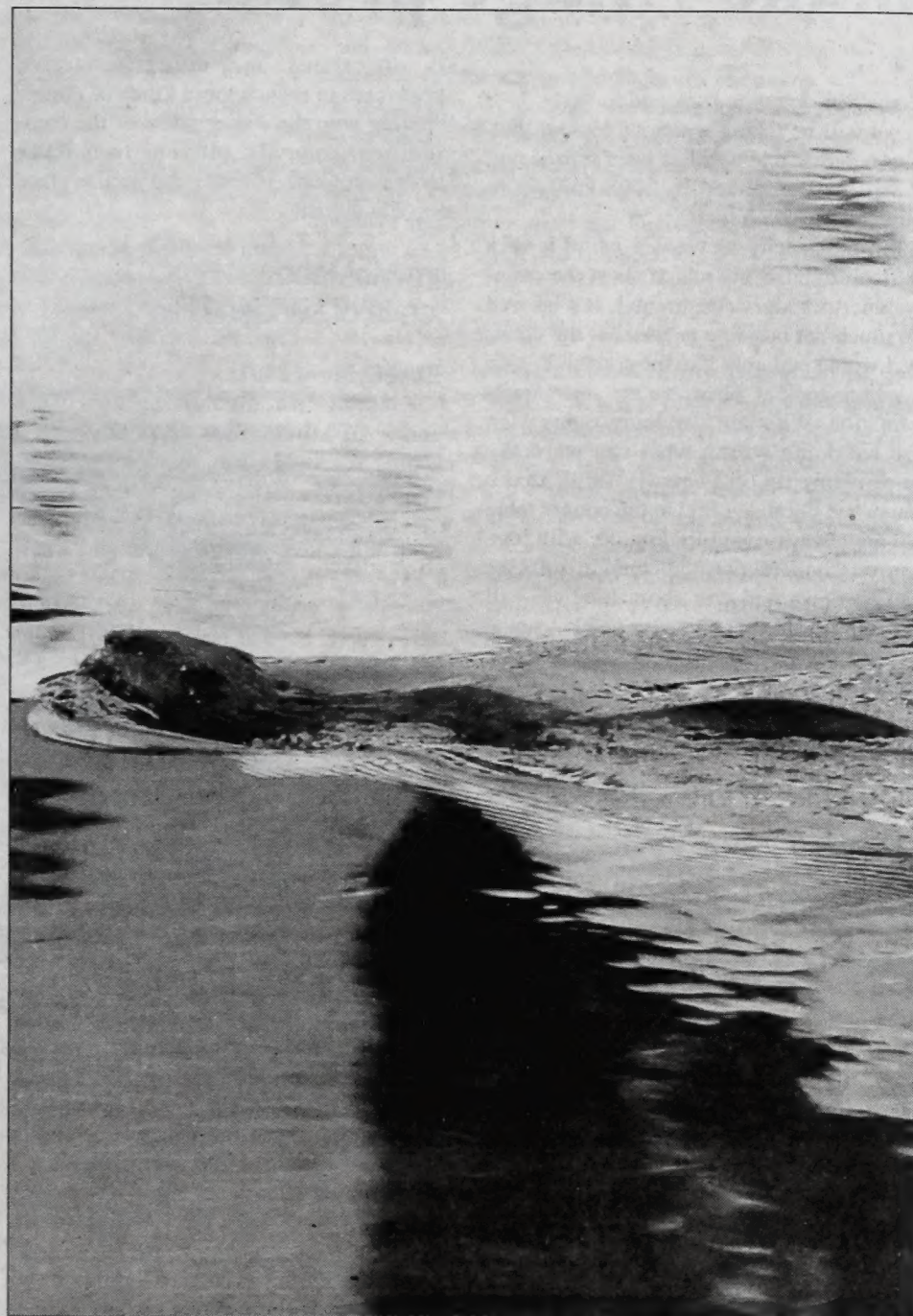
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The right hat for the job

RIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS a friend of mine called to tell me he just threw out 27 baseball caps in various incarnations of camouflage and blaze orange. If he's anything like the typical outdoorsman – and he is – Tom now has approximately 338 hats left.

I'm not sure why, but your typical outdoorsman seems to attract hats like a freshly painted fire hydrant attracts dogs. Show me an outdoorsman who doesn't wear a hat and I'll show you an out-and-out fraud. Truthfully, in all my years, I've never actually seen the top of an outdoorsman's head. And this has nothing to do with the fact that I'm short either.

If you doubt this, have a good look at any outdoors magazine. I defy you to find a photo of a bare-headed outdoorsman. In fact, I believe that if an outdoor magazine ever decided to do a risqué photo spread, it would include several hatless anglers.

The thing I've noticed is that outdoorsmen rarely buy their own hats. Just about every one I own has been given to me. Hats are the outdoorsman's equivalent of ties on Father's Day – if you're not sure what to get an outdoorsman, you could always buy them a hat. People even give you hats in exchange for deer, moose, or bear hides – and it's the only time your wife encourages you to actively seek out a hat. That's because it's better than the alternative – you making hats out of those hides.

My wife actually bought me a Crocodile Dundee-type Australian number for Christmas – perhaps in an effort to encourage me to go on a long walkabout. I know it's a fishing

hat because there's no way I could walk through the woods with it on. I'm not saying that the brim is wide, but let's just say that in case of emer-

gency three people could take shelter under it. Heck, if I rigged it up right I could use it as a hammock or boat. The hat is so wide that you'll know I'm coming because the shadow it throws will reach you ten minutes ahead of me.

Why she thought that I needed another hat, I'll never know. Perhaps she's insecure about me flaunting my luxuriant head of hair – or signaling passing

aircraft. In any case, I believe that I now officially have one hat for every day of the year.

Don't get me wrong – all hats serve a purpose. They keep the sun off

your head, they prevent heat loss, and they stop fishing flies from embedding in your forehead, just to name a few.

The funny thing is, despite all the hats you have, you only wear three – one for fishing, one for hunting, and one for other formal occasions. But you still keep all the other hats just in case 327 of your closest hunting buddies show up, each having somehow forgotten his hat. Likewise, any outdoorsman worth his salt has squirreled at least several hats in every room and vehicle he owns. This is in case company pops in unexpectedly.

Lastly, let's not forget the vast sensual appeal of a true outdoors hat either. What woman hasn't swooned at the salt stained brow strap or the sensual wording of such phrases "Berkley Power Grubs"? Heck, every time I wear one to bed my wife can't wait to rip it off of me.



OUTSIDE CHANCE

Steve Galea

Naturalists not on the list

ONE SPECIES that is in absolutely no danger of being At Risk is the Haliburton naturalist.

Judging from the folks who have called me over the past week or so, the county has no shortage of amateur scientists who recognize plants and creatures most people haven't even heard of.

And along the way I've found that one Species thought to be At Risk may be almost common in one part of the county and learned more about a Haliburton plant that has been all but harvested to extinction.

I keep putting capitals on Species At Risk (SAR) because that's the name of a project being undertaken by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust with the assistance of a grant from Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources.

The Trust, through me, invited calls from folks who had seen one or more of the 13 SAR species thought to exist in Haliburton County.

Most of the callers actually see details that I don't notice when I walk through my woods and almost all of them sounded as though they knew what they were talking about. Most, I gathered, don't belong to any

formal naturalists' groups, perhaps because they don't like going to meetings.

A woman from Howland Junction told me she has deer eating out of her hands and another woman from Carnarvon told me how to determine the age of an American Ginseng plant.

The Ginseng lady knows where the plant grows in a patch on a hundred acres she used to own. To determine its age, she told me, you count the lumps or bumps (I forget which) on the root before you pulverize it to make Chinese medicine.

She's not telling where the plants are and neither will I, lest some Ginseng rustler roots them up, as another outlaw did on a private hunt-camp property further east of Carnarvon.

Over-harvesting has put Ginseng on the Endangered list across North America. It may have been common in Haliburton's southwest corner before a Norland merchant set himself up as a Ginseng buyer and locals

scoured the woods to earn pocket money.

There still is said to be a patch near Lutterworth Township's Black Lake. Probably only the soil along the Gull River chain and in the county's Far East, south of Elephant Lake is right for Ginseng.

The woman who feeds deer sees Five-Lined Skinks basking in the sun on the old trestle that carries the Rail Trail across the Irondale River.

Skinks, the only true lizard in Ontario, like the kind of rocky barrens that

cover much of Snowdon Township.

I've been leaving out people's

names in this column, both to protect their privacy and keep secret the location of their sightings, but I don't think John Klockhoff will mind me mentioning that he has seen Skinks on his farm near the junction of the Gelert and Kinmount roads, or that he also has seen three SAR turtles (Musk, Spotted and Blandings) on his acreage.

Trevor Campbell of Eagle Lake has

seen Skinks near Lochlin and George Farrell of Gelert has watched a predator pull the blue tail off a baby Skink. The baby fled while the wriggling tail kept the hunter amused.

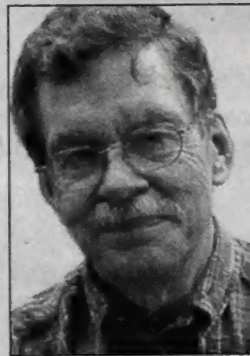
Campbell didn't know the snake his dog had killed was an Eastern Hog-nosed until somebody at the Minden MNR office identified it. Mary Cameron has seen a Hog-nosed among the rocks and crevices in her Gelert yard.

Hog-nosed play possum as a defence mechanism but the flattened specimen Jean Clarke found on a road near Stormy Lake in Glamorgan Lake was not faking its death.

Flying squirrels are a puzzle. None of the callers could tell the SAR-listed Southern species from the Northern, which is common in Haliburton and neither can I.

If you have seen any SAR species in our county, please let me know. Others on the list are a plant, Engelmann's Quillwort; three birds, Peregrine Falcon, Loggerhead Shrike and Golden-Winged Warbler; the Wood Turtle; and the Milksnake and Eastern Ribbonsnake.

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BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

A different kind of spiel

There are some pretty unique family Christmas traditions over the holidays and if you're George O'Donnell and residents and cottagers of Gull Lake, then there's a good chance you'd be participating in the fifth annual fun-spiel. Some 40-50 people gathered at the Minden Curling Club for some just-for-fun curling.

"I see more cottagers now than over the entire summer," says O'Donnell who talked of the busy and relaxing times of summer.

O'Donnell came up with the idea of the curling (they also do other activities) after his family always gathered on Boxing Day for an annual challenge.

"It's a great social activity for the lake and it also supports the curling club as they're always looking to rent the facility."

After curling the group heads to the Ball resident for chili and drinks.



Dave Elliott is mastering the art of curling.

Curlers wanted for second half of season

by DON PFLUG
Special to the Times

The first half of the curling season at the Minden Curling Club has ended with the top teams in each league competing for the honour of winning the playoffs.

The Monday mixed playoff overall winners was the team skipped by Ken Spicer with vice Rod Mabley, second Sandra von Hunnius and lead Tom Davidson. The other playoff draw winner was the team skipped by Dave McKay with vice Erskine Flook, second Iain Kay and lead Hillary Brown.

The Thursday men's league winners were skip, Dave McKay, vice, Glen Bonham, second, Walter Braker and lead, Bob Heggart. The playoffs were won by the team skipped by Jim Burrows with vice Wes Lytle, second Ed Hussul and lead Bob Cleverley.

The second half of the season starts January 7 and there are openings for new curlers and experienced curlers. For those curlers who cannot commit to a regular team schedule, a new membership category, "Pay as you Play", was introduced and proved to be a big success. Curlers could play when they were able to and also participate in all of the club functions. For more information contact Tom Davidson 489-3641 or Don Pflug 489-3024.



Al Edwards, Steve Kennedy, and Bob Nijse relax during in the bar as their team earned a bye in the first round.



Cathrine O'Donnell shows off her curling form at the fun-spiel

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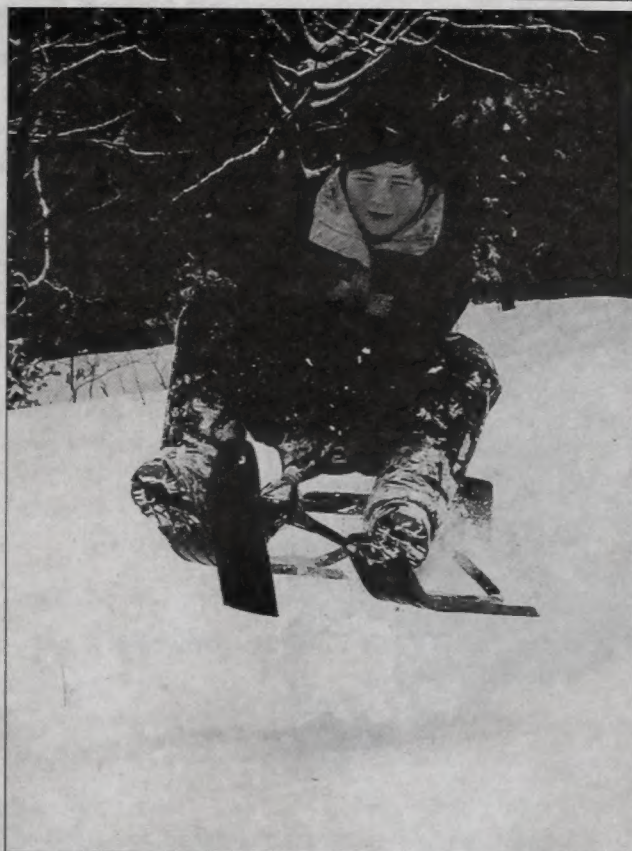
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- 9:00am, Council Chambers

Jan 14 - Minden Community Business Assoc.

- 10:00am, Board Room

Jan 17 - Solid Waste Management Committee

- 10:00am, Board Room

Jan 21 - Sesquicentennial Planning Committee

- 5:00pm, Minden Community Centre

Jan 26 - Jimmy Flynn Show

- 8:00pm, Minden Community Centre

Job Opportunity

Cultural Centre Directory

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The Cultural Centre Director is responsible for the management and administration of the Minden Cultural Centre in conjunction with staff and a volunteer advisory committee.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: MANDATORY CLEAR BAGS

Attention Residents of Minden Hills

Effective Jan 1, 2008, the Township will be implementing mandatory clear bags at all of its landfill sites. For a list of all recycling materials, information can be obtained from the Administration Office, the landfill sites and on the Township's website under 'What's New'.

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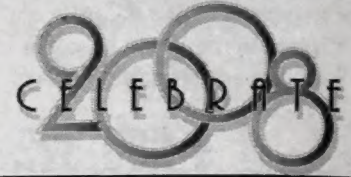
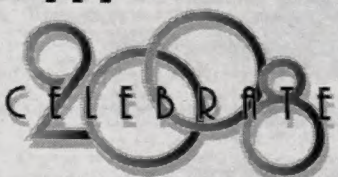
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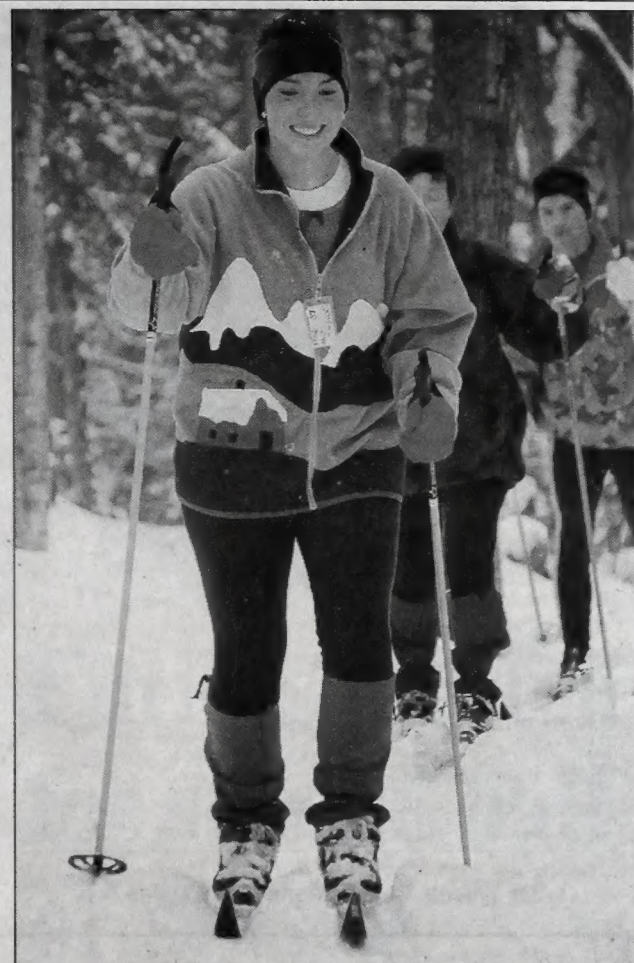
May 2008 be all that you could hope for.

Watch this space in the Minden Times every week for important municipal notices, upcoming events, job opportunities and tenders.





John Miller of Stayner gets a face full of snow. He and girlfriend spent the weekend relaxing at Stouffer Mill B & B.



Below, Mike Tanner makes his way through the trails while his family, daughter Amy, wife Ann, and son Ian, above, follow his lead. The Windsor family rented from Kushog Corners and have been coming up here for the past eight years.



Leanne Shafir and her 8-year-old daughter Talia, of Toronto discover winter in the Highlands after buying property on Wren Lake back in August.

Fun at the Frost

Photos by
Matt James

The parking lot and trails at the Leslie Frost Centre were packed with cars and people on Dec. 28 as families and individuals took to the trails to enjoy what remains of the holidays. The rain last week didn't hurt trails but skiers were cautioned about icy patches before heading out to enjoy a day in the forest.



Happy New Year from Stanhope



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Gina Atkinson
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Here's hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas time, ate a lot, drank a bit, and didn't drive afterwards!

This week's column is incredibly short. It is similar to that expression of the

well running dry. Well this column is coming up empty just like that well. My fingers just won't create anything that doesn't look like rambling. My mind is worse. Must be all

that holiday running around!

This New Year's Eve, I wasn't even going to try and make any resolutions. Who needs that pressure. Anyway, I never keep them. After so many years at this mindset there is absolutely no point. However, I will try and enjoy new things, appreciate the old things, but most

of all I will try and see more of friends and family that I don't see enough of.

There, I did it anyways! We'll see what happens.

Let me wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

Remember to send me items that you would like to see in this column.

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If you have any questions, please contact me.
Thank You

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'Elf' solves boy's last-minute request



AROUND THE TOWN

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The inhabitants of the old farmhouse, both two- and four-legged, are settling back into routine after a busy Christmas with a houseful of grown children, grandchildren and pets.

Black cat Clarence, outnumbered 3:1 by the canine variety, finally emerged after two days hiding, first making sure the coast was really clear.

After years of arriving here late on Christmas Eve only to find our yet-to-be-wrapped items included one or both of those dreaded phrases – “some assembly required” or “batteries not included” – Bruce has stockpiled an impressive array of hand tools and batteries guaranteed to power your every need.

Youngest grandchild Ben, soon to be four, announced very late in the game that he wanted a boat for Christmas. We volunteered only to soon find that like those elusive “scarlet ribbons” none could be found.

So to the Internet where Toys ‘R’ Us showed one just right in size and cost but with still one hurdle to clear – it was less than a week ‘til Christmas.

With the help of a sympathetic “elf” in shipping, the boat arrived, batteries were installed, wrapping completed and under the tree it went marked “Ben love Poppa.”

A successful launching in the bathtub soon followed.

Asked what was best about his Christmas small Ben replied “My boat worked.” As the Mastercard commercial puts it – boat \$20, batteries \$4, everything else priceless!

Want to ring in the New Year in style? The Kinmount Legion is holding its annual party on Monday, December 31 starting at 9 p.m.

Dance the night away with D.J. Tommy Williamson and enjoy an evening complete with door prizes, spot dances, party favours plus a complimentary light lunch.

Cost is only \$15 a person or \$25 a couple. For ticket information call 488-3462.

Kinmount Public Library has made some program time changes starting in January.

Please note that the popular Preschool Storytime & Crafts will now be held every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. with the Tweens & Teens meeting on the third Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Also on the third Saturday of each month the Friends of the Kinmount Library holds its book sale downstairs at the branch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the next sale on

“Youngest grandchild Ben, soon to be four, announced very late in the game that he wanted a boat for Christmas.”

January 19.

The Kinmount Artisans Marketplace will be closed during the month of January to allow for some upgrades, inventory rotation and new displays.

It will reopen on winter hours Fridays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Friday, February 1.

Your ongoing support of this not-for-profit local arts and crafts co-operative over the past nine seasons is much appreciated.

If you have any suggestions for the Marketplace do give me a call.

Dr. Elena Mihu of the Kinmount & District Health Centre is raising funds for the Arthritis Society's Joints in Motion program with a raffle of three of her beautiful quilted treasures.

Draw tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 and available at the Health Centre and local businesses including the Kinmount Pharmacy and the Artisans Marketplace.

The draw will be held at 5 p.m. on March 6 at the

Health Centre.

Local artist Brenda Mulholland will continue her series of monthly workshops, Drawing Simplified, in the new year at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace.

For information on dates please call Brenda at 488-1574.

These classes have proven very popular encouraging creative expression in a relaxed learning atmosphere.

Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

There are only two sets of results as most groups are on holiday schedule until January after New Years Day. If you are unsure give your convener a call or call me if a contact number is needed.

December 21 bid euchre at Club 35: Moonshots went to Jean Dutka, Helen Windsor, George Bye, Fred Gregory and Tom Pearson.

Leading the pinks at 270 was Helen Windsor with Colleen Davison a close second at 269 and Dorene Elstone 254 third. Tops for the white cards was Tom Pearson at 350 followed by George Bye 302 and Fred Gregory 239.

December 21 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method Norma Crewson and Rob Eaton were first at 59 per cent, Nancy Jackson and Margo Davidson next at 58 per cent then Joan Galley partnered with Ross Davies third at 57 per cent.

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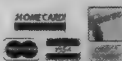


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- Jan. 6: The Haliburton Highland Grannies invite everyone to a "Joyous Musical Afternoon" at Stouffer Mill B & B, on Sunday Jan. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. Enjoy lovely music by local performers, beautiful decorations and yummy treats. Admission by donation to the Grandmothers Campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Stouffer Mill B & B is located 9 km north of Carnarvon off Hwy 35. For more info, call 286-2198.
- Jan. 7: VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located in the Community Care Drop-In Centre in the Halco Plaza in Haliburton. Subsequent clinics the first Wed. of every month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.
- Jan. 9: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. For our program we will have a sharing of ideas from various members who have attended workshops outside of our Guild. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. & guests & new members are always welcome. Call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.
- Jan. 24: VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located at Staanworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thurs. of the month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.

ONGOING EVENTS

- A pictorial essay of Haliburton County. A new picture every day at jackbush.my-expressions.com
- Adult Badminton - Mondays, 8-10 p.m. Runs until May 26/08 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship & fitness. Call 286-1765.
- Al-Anon Meetings - Are you affected by someone else's drinking? If so, Al-anon may be for you. Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
- Alzheimer's Disease - "Caring with Confidence" a group for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementia meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month at the Haliburton Hospital Boardroom at 10-12. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742.
- Aqua Size for Seniors or Adults with disabilities - If you are interested, call Community Care 457-2941.
- Celebrate Recovery Meeting - Looking for a safe place to discuss real life issues without fear of being judged or condemned - Celebrate Recovery is for everyone with hurts, habits & hang-ups. Lakeside Baptist Church starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Call 457-2851.
- Contract Bridge - Bid Euchre - Cribbage: For Seniors (55+) or a physically disabled adult (18+) & like to play cards, Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge every Mon. at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre every Thurs. at 1 p.m. & Cribbage every Fri. at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.
- Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, & other card games - Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tues. evenings from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
- Early Learning Adventure Mornings. Parents, come join us on an adventure with your toddler and/or preschooler to discover how learning can be exciting & FUN!
- Easy Fit Yoga for Mature Adults - offered by Community Care every Thursday with yoga and fitness activities while standing, lying on the floor and sitting in a chair. The instructor is Gail Holness. Call 457-2941 for more information. Support is provided from an Government of Ontario Active 2010 grant.
- For women experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800)
- Highlands Squash Club (beside the Haliburton Arena) offers Recreational Squash. Tues. & Thurs. evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. (Now until Dec. 20) Racquets for loan or sale. Free lessons for beginners. Membership available. Call Glen at 457-2862 or Don at 457-1110.
- Indoor Walking - Haliburton - Walk for your health! Inside the high school, 7 to 8 a.m. Sponsored by "Heart & Stroke." Phone Kelly & Jackie Metcalf at 457-3756.
- Indoor Walking in Minden at Archie Stouffer on all school days, 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. now until May/08. Call Maxine, 286-2006 or Morris, 286-6079. Sponsored by Heart & Stroke.
- Living with Cancer - A Support Group for cancer survivors & those currently living with cancer meets on the 3rd Tues. of the month from 1-3 p.m. For info, location, & to register for the Group, call Linda or Dorothy at 457-1742.
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- North Entrance Lodge - meets the third Wednesday of each month, from now until June 2008 at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in this great fraternity please call Roger Hillier at 447-2767.
- Ontario Breast Screening Program - for women 50 years & over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays & Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call (705) 328-6175.
- Ontario Early Years - Drop-in & see us every other Thurs. at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents & children 0-6 years will enjoy activities, crafts, & active circle times; toy & book lending; ideas to help keep kids healthy & safe; nutritional snacks; & guest speakers. Call 457-2989.
- Rails End Gallery - Tea At Three, every Wednesday at 3 p.m., 23 York St. Haliburton. A weekly discussion group for adults who like to talk about art. Call Laurie at 457-2330 for info.
- Rails End Gallery - Members' Open Studio, every Thursday, 1-3 p.m. informal time to paint/draw & commune with fellow artists. Call 457-2330 for cost & info.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date. NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

A season of fun for Hyland Crest

SENIOR LEAGUE

News from Hyland Crest

Hello everyone!

We have had a very busy summer and fall, so we are sorry that we haven't stayed in touch for a while.

We have enjoyed a picnic at Rotary Park, had several trips to Kawartha Dairy for ice cream cones, enjoyed a few barbecues outside in the gazebo. We even had a corn roast!

The Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers paid a visit with their old cars, a sight we all love to see!

The children from WeeCare have been dropping in once a month to sing for us. We all enjoy them so much, they are so sweet! Thanks so much for brightening our days.

A travelling pet show on wheels brought some wonderful animals for us to enjoy and learn about; there was even a parrot on a skateboard.

Many thanks to the Minden Rotary Club for donating the funds for us to take some bus trips. We took a trip to Kash Landing for a free ice cream cone, thanks to the owners Guido and Linda.

We also went on a fall colour tour of the county. The leaves were beautiful, the colours so crisp and vibrant. As a special bonus, we saw a sight we never would have expected to see - camels! Yes, there were camels in Donald! A wonderful surprise.

Bill Winfield came to entertain our residents and the VON day centre with music and song in the auditorium. There was quite a lot of dancing by all.

There was our annual Alzheimers Coffee Break in October. We would like to thank all the support we received to help raise money for a very good cause. We raised over \$350.

Hallowe'en was a very busy time for us. Over 200 children visited us! Such a vast array of costumes. Thanks so much to Larry McGuire, Vera Litwin and Sue Sisson for their help.

Still on the subject of Hallowe'en, the Hot Flashes played for us at our costume party. There were several of us who

dressed in costume for the evening. We had a terrific time. Thanks very much to all the volunteers and guests who pitched in to help make such a fun night.

We are grateful to the Minden Legion for coming to join us for a Remembrance Day service. It is definitely an important part of all our residents' lives.

We have a few celebrities in our midst. Wilf Ackerblade, Lilian Harrison and Josef Tietz were interviewed for some of their life stories to be included in a book called *Generation to Generation*. The authors were students from the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and they were in attendance for a book launch along with other members of the community and all the people involved in making this book happen. There were plenty of pictures taken and autographs given during this wonderful celebration held here, in the Fireside Lounge.

Our residents have a new program that they are excited about: tabletop bowling! We love it. It is a fun activity that we do on weekends. We wonder who will be high scorer next.

Our entertainers have been faithful, always donating their time and talent for some great fun. We would like to thank Gord Kidd and Rick, The Norland Hillbillies, Johnny Burke, The Hot Flashes, The Allsaw Gospel Singers, Northern Jam, Cooper, Schell & Owens, The Starvin' Carnarvons, Burr Bonnell, Down Memory Lane, Jeff Barry, Earl and Eleanor Cooper and Ed and Billy Pickard. Thank you very much from the bottom of our hearts!

Our Family Council members have been in once a month for movie matinee. Each month they delight us with a different movie to watch on our big screen television, while we munch on popcorn. Thanks to all of you!

We will be enjoying a wonderful Christmas season, which we will write you about next month.

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NOTICE

TO MR. BENJAMIN MANN

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Dear son of the late Frederick and Jane Ellen Martin. Dear brother of Gordon Martin of R.R.#2 Minden, Edna Martin of Toronto and predeceased by Irene Ryan, Violet May Andrews, Ronald Martin and Harry Martin. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

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